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1. BEGIN SUMMARY - ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TOZZOLI SAID JUNE 11 THAT FRELIMO HAD NOT RPT NOT INVITED ITALIAN DELEGATION TO INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, BUT HAD URGED TOZZOLI, WHO NAMED TO BE ITALY'S NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE, TO ATTEND CELEBRATIONS AND PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS ON JUNE 25. TOZZOLI CONCERNED ROME WILL NOT HAVE GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL TO HIS APPOINTMENT TO MOZAMBIQUE BY JUNE 25

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OTHER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES REPORTEDLY ALSO STRUGGLING WITH SIMILAR PROBLEMS OF TIMING. ONLY "MILITANT" COUNTRIES BEING ASKED TO SEND DELEGATIONS TO INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS.
END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR LORENZO TOZZOLI REVIEWED JUNE 11 FOR DCM RECENT
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TALK WITH FRELIMO REPRESENTATIVES IN DAR ES SALAAM. TOZZOLI

SAID HE MET JUNE 4 WITH FELISBERTO LUKANGA AND SHARFUDINE KHAN TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NEW REGIME IN MOZAMBIQUE. MEETING WHICH "EQUALLY WELCOMED" BY BOTH PARTIES WAS VERY CORDIAL. FRELIMO OFFICERS PRAISED CONTRIBUTION BY ITALIAN PEOPLE IN BOLOGNA AREA WHO COUPLE YEARS AGO FETED TOP LEADERS OF FRELIMO AND SUBSEQUENTLY SENT MEDICINES AND OTHER SUPPLIES TO FRELIMO HOSPITALS IN TANZANIA. FRELIMO HAS AGREED LANGUAGE FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IN CASE OF ITALY THERE WERE SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS TO STANDARD TEXT. ANNOUNCEMENT STRESSED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLE OF ITALY AND PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND SPECIFICALLY DELETED WORD "MILITANT" FROM REFERENCE TO GOVERNMENT OF ITALY. WHEN TOZZOLI ASKED IF ITALY WOULD BE ASKED SEND DELEGATION TO INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, FRELIMO OFFICERS SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO CHECK IF ITALY "ON LIST" AND WOULD LET TOZZOLI KNOW. TO DATE, TOZZOLI HAS NOT HEARD FROM FRELIMO ON THIS POINT. LUKANGA AND KHAN URGED TOZZOLI TO ATTEND INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IN LOURENCO MARQUES IN ORDER TO REPRESENT ITALY AND TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS WITH OTHER REPRESENTATIVES JUNE 25. TOZZOLI SAID HE AGREED TO DO SO IF CONFIRMATION OF HIS NOMINATION RECEIVED IN TIME. HE IS WORRIED THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PROCESS HIS NOMINATION THROUGH BUREAUCRACY IN ROME BY JUNE 25.

3. TOZZOLI SAID HE BELIEVES FRELIMO HAS DIVIDED COUNTRIES OF WORLD INTO THREE GROUPS FOR PURPOSE ESTABLISHING RELATIONS. FIRST ARE THOSE COUNTRIES IT WILL NOT HAVE RELATIONS WITH, E.G. SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. SECOND, ARE COUNTRIES IT WILL ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH WHEN CONVENIENT BUT THEY WILL NOT BE ASKED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO LOURENCO MARQUES FOR INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. ITALY IS APPARENTLY IN THIS GROUP. THIRD, ARE "MILITANT" COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO FRELIMO'S STRUGGLE. MILITANTS WILL BE ASKED TO SEND DELEGATION TO INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. THESE LAST COUNTRIES INCLUDE SUCH AS SWEDEN, NETHERLANDS, AND INDIA. NETHERLANDS IS BEING ASKED TO SEND DELEGATION, EVEN THOUGH IT DOES NOT INTEND TO HAVE A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN LOURENCO MARQUES. DUTCH AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN LUSAKA, TOZZOLI SAID, WILL BE ACCREDITED TO LOURENCO MARQUES.

4. TOZZOLI REPORTED THERE IS LIVELY DISCUSSION AMONG HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLLEAGUES HERE AS TO HOW TO DRAFT LETTERS OF ACCREDITATION. ITALY HAS SIMPLY ASSUMED MACHEL WILL BE PRESIDENT AND NAME OF STATE WILL BE REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE. IF WRONG, NEW LETTERS WILL BE DRAFTED. INDIA HAS ASSUMED MACHEL WILL BE PRESIDENT OF STATE BUT HAS LEFT BLANK NAME OF STATE. BLANK WILL BE FILLED IN WHEN OFFICIAL NAME ANNOUNCED. OTHERS WORKING OUT OWN VARIATIONS TO PROBLEM.

5. INDIAN AMBASSADOR SHARMA COMMENTED TO SWEDISH AMBASSADOR GRANSTEDT EVEING JUNE 10 THAT INDIA WILL ABIDE BY FRELIMO DESIRE THAT DELEGATIONS BE KEPT SMALL AND WILL SEND ONLY FOUR DELEGATES. SHARMA SAID CHINA (PRC) IS SENDING DELEGATION NUMBERING 15 TO 20. GRANSTEDT COMMENTED HIS INVITATION ASKED NUMBER OF DELEGATES BE LIMITED TO TWO AND THAT TWO IS ALL SWEDEN INTENDS TO SEND.

6. UAR TWO DAYS AGO (JUNE 8), TOZZOLI SAID, REQUESTED OF LOCAL FRELIMO OFFICE AGREEMENT FOR ITS NOMINEE. OTHER COUNTRIES ARE ALSO ONLY AT STAGE OF PROVIDING NAMES TO FRELIMO. TOZZOLI UNDERSTANDS OTHERS SIMILARLY WORRIED WHETHER THEIR OWN BUREAUCRATIC REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SATISFIED BY JUNE 25 TO PERMIT PRESENTATION LETTERS OF CREDENCE.

7. TOZZOLI SAID HE TOLD FRELIMO ITALY PREPARED NAME ITS CONGEN IN LOURENCO MARQUES AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES UNTIL HIS OWN DESIGNATION AS AMBASSADOR CAME THROUGH. FRELIMO TURNED DOWN COLDLY OFFER TO NAME CONGEN AS CHARGE. COMMENT: IN LIGHT FRELIMO SENSITIVITY THIS POINT, WE MAY WISH TO HOLD OFF REQUEST FOR NEW EXEQUATORS FOR CONGEN OFFICERS BECAUSE, HOWEVER CAREFULLY EXPLAINED, SUCH REQUEST MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD.
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